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## Column One By David Courtney

IT is General MacArthur's day, said the President, who has therefore cancelled a speech he was due to give to the American Society of Newspaper Editors. The newspapers will have little space, anyway, for anything beside MacArthur, whose dramatization of himself and his role has successfully built up a bright legend, apt to be an American holiday.

GENERAL MacArthur will continue, for the rest of his life, to draw something like 10,000 dollars a year in salaries and allowances, as one of the four five-starred generals of the United States, who may not be retired; and reports say that in a month or two he will begin to draw a fee as big as a film star's from the Remington Typewriter Co. One might suppose that, like some Coriolanus cast in this televised age, which is as facile as was the Roman day, he would be glad enough to leave the theatre of triumph and ease into an honorable and easy retirement. But that seems not to be the way of General MacArthur.

MEN of legendary stature, coming from the field of distant battles, to the noisy swarms of politics, run the risk of disintegrating their heroic aura and gaining nothing in its place. Whether it is a Wellington or a Jackson, the warning is there. It is a pity that General MacArthur should not heed it. Next year is presidential election year and it may of course be that the General intends to carry his dispute with President Truman to that ultimate level. His legend, his handsome profile, his medals and his enormous pipe, would probably be a godsend to the Republican Party, and the garish theatricalism of such a candidate, who at the same time has a record of stirring courage and remarkable victories in the field, might do what a Dewey, or a Taft, or even an Eisenhower, could not.

THE President's summary dismissal of General MacArthur, as in keeping with the attributes of drama that have consistently clung to the General's career, was received by the European allies of America with a heart-felt sense of relief, and their newspapers have been quick to put in as evidence of a wicked European conspiracy of appeasement to Aesop's Communism. The expressions of relief have encouraged the isolationists, who now say that American national interests have been sacrificed to foreign squeamishness and the un-American tendencies of Mr. Acheson, and who claim, with loud general support from the Republicans, that by his act, President Truman has put an inglorious end to bi-partisan foreign policy. If General MacArthur is to become a source and centre of these bitter political trends, his descent from the grandeur symbolized by a 10-gun salute, a roll of drums and a flourish of trumpets may be rapid and ignominious. None of his general's admirers would desire that he be a deliberate party to the risk of it.

Mr. Truman seems to be mainly unweaved and unperturbed. His attitude has shown much of dignity and something of quiet humor. One can almost hear him say: "Let MacArthur take the people's kind off their troubles for a day or two, and off the administration scandals that were being pushed to the embarrassment of the White House into the light of day; it's about time the fellow did me a good turn." And, in the long run, when MacArthur's and the Republican Party's holiday is over, this man who knows his own people, may, once again, have one of those surprising triumphs.

Tel Aviv, April 10.

## Security Plans Drafted For Pacific Area

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (AP). — Plans for the development of a Pacific security system are reported to be well advanced in the State and Defense Departments, and a formal announcement may be made in a matter of hours.

Indications are that detailed negotiations will be held between the U.S., Australia and New Zealand to draft a pact by the time the Japanese Treaty is concluded. Presumably, the pact will follow the general pattern of the North Atlantic Treaty.

In London, Commonwealth officials reported today that the U.S., Australia and New Zealand have agreed on the main points of a Pacific security system against aggression.

**Safeguards Asked**

Australia and New Zealand have long been pressing the U.S. for safeguards against the re-birth of Japanese militarism. These safeguards, presumably, are embodied in the security pact — represented by the price of their agreement to U.S. proposals for lifting the wraps off Japanese rearmament in the projected Japanese peace settlement.

The accord reportedly envisages that the U.S. should give some military help to the two Commonwealth nations; and Australia and New Zealand should provide military facilities in time of peace as well as war.

The duration of the pact — if it has been set — was not disclosed by the officials. Nor did they indicate whether other countries, such as Britain or the Philippines, will be able to join it.

## Portuguese President Dies

LISBON, Wednesday. — Portuguese President Antonio Carneiro, 81, died this morning.

In 1925, following a bloodless coup d'état, he became provisional president of Portugal. The following year he was Prime Minister and Foreign Minister. He was elected President in 1926 and re-elected in 1935, 1942, and 1949.

In La Rochelle, it was learned that Ex-Marshal Philippe Petain is in a coma "and dying," according to a telephone call from the island fortress where the Marshal is serving a life sentence.

The 84-year-old Marshal, head of Vichy France during World War II, has been ill for some time.

**Bevin Cremated**

In London, the body of former Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin was cremated today at a private service attended only by relatives, close friends and Government and Trade Union associates.

(AP, Reuters)

## French Urge Farm Goods Pool

PARIS, Wednesday (Reuters). — The French Government has proposed that European countries should open negotiations toward setting up a European Farming Pool, based on the following principles:

Firstly, that the associated countries will pool their production resources in each agricultural branch. Secondly, that the proposed pool organization should take the necessary steps to adjust the output to consumption needs and to maintain the balance of the market in all participating countries.

Thirdly, that the proposed pool should aim at preparing the setting up of a common market for each project which

## Defence Chiefs To Greet MacA

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (AP). — Mr. George Marshall, U.S. Defence Secretary, and the entire U.S. Military High Command will welcome General MacArthur when he arrives here early tomorrow. The Defence Department announced today. Accompanying Mr. Marshall will be General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the three Chiefs of Staff themselves — Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Army; Admiral Forrest Sherman, Navy; and Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg, Air. President Truman, however, will attend no functions for General MacArthur, the White House Press Secretary announced.

There will be no special military ceremony at the airport when General MacArthur arrives. The Army cancelled plans for a ceremonial guard of honour, a saluting battery, and a band at the airport to greet him. An Army spokesman said these honours will be accorded the General in a public welcoming tomorrow afternoon at a huge demonstration on the Washington Monument grounds.

In San Francisco, where the General arrived yesterday, he began working on his speech to Congress as soon as he heard he would be asked to make one.

But later he held a cheering crowd giving him the greatest ovation ever seen here, that he does not intend to enter politics. "The politics I have," he said, "is contained in the single phrase known well by all of you — Good Bless America."

Tremendous ovations greeted him as he walked out of his hotel for the triumphal parade through San Francisco today. The street in front of the hotel and Union Square across the street were jammed with people. As the parade started, MacArthur sat in an open car between Mr. Earl Warren, Governor of California, and the Mayor of San Francisco, Mr. Elmer R. Hanson.

The street was packed so thickly with cheering people that the General's car was barely able to move and crowds repeatedly broke through police lines and surged around him.

Mrs. Jean MacArthur and their son Arthur, 12, followed the General.

## Another Approach Made to Peking

NEW YORK, Wednesday. — As the 12 Asian-Arab nations were due to meet today, reports circulated that they had asked Communist China to clarify her attitude towards a peace settlement in Korea.

At the time when the talks were being held in Peking, the contact was made through the Indian Ambassador in Peking. It was reported, but so far no answer has been received.

In London, a Foreign Office spokesman said that he doubted that any fresh contact had been made between the Indian and Chinese governments regarding a Korean peace.

Meanwhile the President of the U.N. General Assembly, Mr. Naarullah Entezam, said he was studying the question of seeking from the North Koreans a clarification of their cable to him and the President of the Security Council.

Mr. Trygve Lie, the U.N. Secretary-General, predicted in Athens today that there will be no results from North Korea's latest peace feeler, adding that it is unacceptable and similar to previous overtures.

The U.S. State Department said today that the North Korean message was merely propaganda.

(AP, Reuters)

## Ships, Planes Stand By to Aid Sub

PORTSMOUTH, Wednesday. — The Royal Navy admitted today that it had only faint hope of rescuing the 75 men trapped in the British submarine, Affray, on the bottom of the English Channel since Monday evening.

No precise position has been fixed on the Affray and the fact that she has been submerged so long reduces the prospects of saving her.

Sir Arthur Power, director of the rescue operations, said this afternoon. A ring of 44 ships is standing by in the area where faint signals and super-sonic messages were heard reflected from Affray's hull early this morning.

**No Survivor Sighted**

Over 40 hours after she dived on a practice patrol, no survivors had been sighted. Nor was there any sign of the yellow marker body which submarines in distress can send to the surface.

Using a new and still secret super-sonic device the submarine Seaview made the first contact with the Affray, which is lying on the sea bed about 30 miles southwest of the Isle of Wight in an area where four submarines have previously been lost, and later the submarine Affray reported hearing continuous hull tapping.

The Royal Air Force ship Boxer is anchored directly over the Affray and playing her searchlight to guide other ships to the spot. Ships of four nations, planes and helicopters are standing by to pick up any men who surface.

(UP, Reuters)

## Police Seize £250,000 In Gold in T.A.

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The value of gold confiscated by police in yesterday's all-day search here amounted to £250,000 according to an official statement today.

Unofficial estimates have placed the value at £250,000, a large part of the gold is believed to be in silver and small bars, and was not mentioned in the official report.

A total of 13 suspects were arrested, and all except three have been released so far. In most of the searches, police explained to gold owners the new regulations forbidding dealing in gold, and succeeded in registering the amount in the person's possession.

Only in instances where the owners were suspected of dealing in the gold were they arrested. It is believed that large sums of foreign currency were also uncovered during yesterday's searches.

The new regulations permitting the possession of gold but not its sale were announced by the Minister of Finance last month. The names of authorized dealers have not yet been announced.

## Foreign Currency Rises by \$500,000

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — For the first time in more than a year an increase of foreign currency holdings was recorded in tonight's currency statement published by the Israel Department of the Anglo-Palestine Bank. Foreign currency increased by £1,378,000 (\$500,000), from £1,328,000 to £1,501,750 at the close of business last night.

A spokesman of the Israel Department, told The Post tonight that banks normally turned in all foreign currency to the Israel Department in exchange for local currency. During the past months, however, more foreign currency has been handed over to the Treasury than had been received by the Department; but last week, more currency had been paid in than was handed over to the Government. This, the spokesman thought, was a hopeful sign and may have been a reflection of increased foreign currency receipts from fund-raising appeals abroad.

During the past 12 months, currency in circulation has risen by £1,394,150 and foreign currency holdings have dropped by £2,515,000. During the same period treasury bills increased by £1,280,000 and Government land bonds by £1,301,000. The currency statement last year included one item which no longer appears — £1,368,730 in bills of the Palestine Currency Board.

Tonight's currency statement revealed a further increase in circulation of £1,778,000 (from £1,500,330 to £1,687,730,000). There was no change in Government Land Bonds (£1,544,000), but Treasury Bills increased by £1,600,000 (from £1,210,000 to £1,370,000). These bills were not issued by the Treasury, which has not made any issue this year, but were held by banks to meet the increased demand for cash over the Passover holidays.

## Sharett Reports on Syrian Border Dispute to Cabinet

The Huleh dispute, allowance for reservists, death certification, and tax exemption proposals, and the electricity supply, were some of the numerous problems discussed at yesterday's meeting of the Cabinet in Jerusalem.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, reported to the Ministers on the developments in the issue of the demilitarized zone on the Syrian frontier.

A spokesman later told the press that although no meeting of the Israel-Syrian Joint Armistice Commission had been scheduled, Israel was ready to attend the session as soon as it is called. The next move, he noted, is up to the Acting U.N. Chief of Staff, Colonel E.L. De Ridder, who may decide to wait until the Chief of Staff, Major General William Riley, testifies before the Security Council.

Reservists who are called up for at least three consecutive days are to be guaranteed a certain percentage of their salaries, according to a Cabinet proposal. Reservists would be paid 10 per cent; married, but childless, persons, 25 per cent; married with children, 50 per cent. There would be

## New U.K. Oil Plan for Iran

TEHRAN, Wednesday. — While Anglo-Iranian Oil Company officials here were indignantly denying Persian Government charges that the Company was responsible for the Abadan strikes, reports from Washington indicated that the British Government compromises in an attempt to settle the nationalization question amicably.

British officials taking part in the Anglo-American oil talks here have reportedly indicated that Britain might be willing to recognize oil beneath the ground as the property of the Government and people of Iran, but wants above-ground oil working installations to be considered British. Diplomatic sources in Washington report that the British are particularly anxious to achieve a common front with the U.S. on this question.

Telephoned reports from Abadan late today said agitators were patrolling areas where workers lived and threats of violence against men wanting to work were frequent. Unrest appeared to be spreading to workers not employed by the Anglo-Iranian Company.

A large crowd gathered in Abadan today but was dispersed without violence, the reports added.

In Teheran, an Anglo-Iranian spokesman claimed that workers in the vast Abadan refinery were being prevented from working "by intimidation and threats of personal violence."

He was replying to a charge issued by the Persian Foreign Affairs Ministry last night that "certain elements in the

## U.N. May Condemn El Hamma Action

By Jesse Zel Lurie,  
POST Correspondent

LAKE SUCCESS, Wednesday. — Observers who have watched many Palestine debates feel that the Security Council discussions on the Israel-Syria dispute will drag on until the Western powers, who have guaranteed the existing frontiers in the Middle East, find a suitable opportunity to criticize Israel for the retaliatory bombing in the El Hamma region and reaffirm the authority of the U.N.

They show no inclination, however, to ask that the draining on the Huleh be stopped.

**LAKE SUCCESS, Wednesday (INA).** — The U.N. Security Council's decision yesterday to hear General William Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff in Palestine, makes it clear that it intends to consider the Israel-Syria dispute.

U.S. sources confirmed that there had been considerable doubt whether, in view of the improved situation with regard to the M.A.C., the case should be taken up by the Council. The most important single element in the decision by the U.S., Britain and France to consider the case, it is believed, was the retaliatory air bombing operation carried out by Israel in the El Hamma area.

Also present at the meeting were Col. Shihab, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Syrian Army, other high army officers and Mr. G. R. Jaacobi, de Ridder's Political Adviser.

Col. de Ridder was leaving tonight for Beirut.

ANA reports from Damascus that the Syrians refused to resume talks as a result of a statement by Israel that asserted its sovereignty over the demilitarized zone. According to the report, Col. de Ridder announced that he would return to Jerusalem to take up the matter with Israeli officials.

## 1 Infiltrator Killed, 1 Hurt at Guvrin

One Arab was killed, another wounded and a third captured on Sunday during an exchange of fire between an Israeli patrol and a number of Arab bandits who infiltrated near Bet Guvrin. It was announced yesterday.

According to the report, the patrol discovered the Arabs grazing their herds on the Israeli side of the line, and was fired on while attempting to confiscate the livestock. The party returned the fire, after taking one prisoner. It was stated, and then continued in four.

**AFTER MIDNIGHT**

U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie arrived in Cairo last night, where he was met by Assan Fakhri, Secretary-General of the Arab League, and a representative of the Government. He will confer with leading personalities.

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## 75,000 Housing Units Planned Next Year

Seventy-five thousand housing units for immigrants throughout Israel, including 15,000 in new settlements, have been planned for 1951-52, it was stated at yesterday's meeting in Jerusalem of the Government-Jewish Agency Coordination Board.

Of this total, 50,000 will be permanent units, 12,000 of wood and 38,000 of cement blocks and stone. The remaining 25,000 units will be temporary housing. The permanent housing will cost £1,330,000, one third of which must be paid for in foreign currency.

**Contracts Signed**

Contracts have already been signed for the construction of 11,000 permanent units and 13,000 huts. Negotiations are currently under way for the import of 9,000 wooden huts and 13,000 permanent huts.

During 1948-50, 25,000 units were built for immigrants — 21,000 permanent dwellings and 7,000 huts. During 1950-51, 45,000 units were constructed — 32,000 permanent dwellings and 11,000 huts. Fifteen thousand permanent units in the 1950-51 budget have not yet been completed.

A committee was established to study the possibility of giving medical care to immigrants in their countries of origin. In some countries it has been impossible to examine them before their departure for Israel.

A second committee was set up to study the possibility of sending more doctors for service in new settlements, as well as the possibility of deferring the departure of immigrants from their countries of origin. It was reported.

## Most Absentee Rents Reduced

The rents of 80 per cent of the flats in the Custodian of Absentee Property will be lowered when the new rates, approved by the Finance Committee of the Knesset yesterday, go into effect. The Custodian informed the Committee at its meeting in Jerusalem yesterday.

The remaining 20 per cent of the flats will be rated at current or higher than current prices.

The rents will be determined according to the location and type of flat at rates of a maximum of £1.50 and a minimum of £1.00 per room.

According to the Custodian, the income from rental of Absentee Property is distributed as follows: Government and Municipal taxes, 25 per cent; repairs and insurance, 40 per cent; local development (water, canalization, sidewalks and roads), 12 per cent; administration (including cost of guarding unoccupied urban land), 23 per cent. The remaining 10 per cent, about three per cent will go for payment of the Absentee Insurance Tax.

The Committee asked the Custodian to submit a detailed report on the financial dealings of the Department during the period ending March 31.

The next meeting of the Committee was set for next Wednesday morning when the regulations on business quarters in Absentee properties will be up for approval.

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## ATLANTIC TREATY AFTER TWO YEARS N.A.T.O. Forces Co-ordinate

By William Clark

LONDON.—The second anniversary of the signature of the North Atlantic Treaty is a good occasion to consider what achievements there are to the credit of the still somewhat shadowy organization set up by the Treaty. The difficulty is to relate the paper triumph to any feeling of security amongst the European people. That, as General Eisenhower recently said, is the very problem of "heart and confidence" without which no amount of arms will produce a reasonable defence.

Yet there is some real cause to feel that Europe is safer today than it was a year or two ago, even though the immediacy of danger was greatly increased by the discovery, in Korea, that Communism was prepared to be actively aggressive. The greater security of Europe today depends on the fact that under the North Atlantic Treaty the forces of all the 12 countries concerned would immediately be mobilized to meet aggression.

That is a real, not just a theoretical advance. Democracies are good "defenders" in a war, but slow "starters." One of the great problems is to ensure the swiftest possible mobilization of forces at the right place at the right time. The barriers to this, in democracies, are largely psychological, legal and traditional.

To make 12 nations fight as one is impossible; but N.A.T.O. (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) is breaking down the barriers between allies. Thus, should war break out, the West would at once be in the position only partly realized after three years of war in 1917 by the appointment of Marshal Foch, or in 1943 after four years of war in the appointment of General Eisenhower.

None of these advances in organization would be important if they were not supported by a flow of armed strength. But this is being provided today, largely by the United States, but also by the United Kingdom and other participating nations. Thus two of the essentials of successful warfare are present—the supply of arms and the communications by which to deliver them. The third essential—men to use the arms—is still the great weakness, but it is being

remedied by tightening up and extending compulsory service in the participating countries. It is in the light of this strategic picture that the advances made recently by NATO can best be understood and evaluated. The "activation" of SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters, Atlantic Powers in Europe) marks an important step towards unified tactics as well as strategy. The increase of military expenditure from £21,000m. before Korea to \$58,000m. for 1951 is a significant sign that the arsenal of the Free World is being prepared. The establishment of a Defence Production Board under an American chairman, Mr. William Herod, ensures that there will be co-ordination within the branches of that Arsenal.

**Economic Problems**  
But there still remain problems which have not been

solved by NATO and they will be its main concern, apart from the increases in military proficiency, during the next year. These problems are in particular the political question of who gives orders to the military machine. At present the Deputies who meet twice weekly in London can offer advice to General Eisenhower, but their control is uncertain. Even more serious at this moment is the economic problem. Rearmament is straining the resources of the Atlantic Powers to the utmost. Unless there is as much co-ordination in the battle against inflation as there is in the joint military planning, the whole structure of European security could be wrecked. For just as prosperity is no substitute for military security, so security cannot be built on a basis of economic bankruptcy.

## U.S. Grants To Fight Cancer

WASHINGTON—

CANCER chemotherapy studies in thirteen research centres received financial support through grants announced by the Public Health Service of the Federal Security Agency.

The studies seek chemicals to control cancer by killing the diseased cells in the body without harming the normal tissues. They were among a search for chemicals to control cancer by killing the diseased cells in the body without harming the normal tissues. They were among a search for chemicals to control cancer by killing the diseased cells in the body without harming the normal tissues.

## CHINESE STEP UP WAR IN THE AIR

By Frank Robertson

FIFTH AIR FORCE H.Q. KOREA.

CHINESE Communist air-craft have been unusually active during the past two weeks, but this is not viewed here as conclusive evidence of an enemy air build-up. Daily surveillance and regular air attacks have made it impossible for the enemy to use any North Korean fields, while observation of the airfield at Antung directly across the Yalu River from Sinuiju shows that the number of aircraft there is substantially the same as it has been for some months. This is the only Manchurian airfield open to observation by United Nations aircraft from south of the border.

Until now enemy air activity has been rather sporadic; after an air battle in which they suffered losses, Chinese planes would usually stay on the ground for a couple of days. But there is no readily apparent reason for their persistence of the past week or so.

**New Persistence**  
The present flurry of activity could be mainly defensive in character, for during the period under review U.N. attacks against the Yalu River bridges and supply routes leading south have been intensified. In these attacks jet dive-bombers have been used effectively in addition to high-flying B-29's.

At the same time, however, enemy pilots have shown themselves more ready to engage in combat than in the past, although they still stay conveniently close to the Manchurian border. The superiority of the American pilots over their opponents continues to be the deciding factor in most of the battles between evenly-matched planes, but the Americans have learned to respect the flying skill of one Communist airman whose plane bears distinguishing marks.

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## THIS is the second time in little over a year that an outstanding instance of Norwegian people has drawn public attention.

The first occasion was the offer of Norway to take in a hundred blind Jewish displaced persons. Now, soon after, a village stands in Galilee built with Norwegian funds.

Kfar Norvegia was originally planned by the Norwegian Labour Organization, the organizer of the drive, to number 29 houses and a recreational centre. These were to be a memorial to the 27 Jewish children from North Africa and their nurses who were killed on their way to a rehabilitation camp in Norway. The tragic aeroplane crash aroused widespread sympathy in that country, and the planned memorial fund was doubled. Upon the news that 50 houses had been burnt on their way to Israel, it was over-subscribed again, so that 35 more houses will be added this summer to the 50 now standing. This village, to be inhabited by the families of the dead children, stands as a memorial not only to those who died, but also to the disinterested kindness of the people that established it.

The Jewish people already owes a considerable debt of gratitude to the Norwegians for their aid during the war. Almost two thirds of the 100 Jews of Norway were saved from murder in the German death camps by the Norwegian underground.

Norway's epic struggle against the Nazi occupation will remain a tale to remember proudly. The standards of its democratic institutions and Norway's devotion to them is well known. When the planners of Israel's future seek for models to exemplify their aims, that far northern land is always among those mentioned.

## No U.S. Reply Yet On Reparations

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, (UP).—The fate of Israel's request for \$1,500m. in war reparations from Germany largely depends on future U.S. policy on financial aid to Israel, responsible U.S. officials said here today.

Officials who have been studying the problem indicated that they plan no quick reply to the note which Israel presented to Britain, France, the U.S. and Russia. They consider that no detailed account of Jewish suffering and claim more as a bid to make Germany subsidize the thousands of European immigrants to Israel. They conceded that the Israel claim has moral justification.

Mr. Elihu Eliahu, Israel Minister in London, called at the Foreign Office today to discuss Israel's reparations claims from Germany.

He was accompanied by Mr. David Horowitz, Economic Adviser to the Israel Government and Director General of Finance. They were received Lord Henderson, Foreign Under-Secretary.

## U.K. EXPERT ON M.E. STRATEGY

LONDON, Wednesday (UP).—The West must be made reasonably secure before any Middle East strategy in a future war can be considered, British military expert Captain Lionel Hart said in an article in the magazine "The Middle East" entitled "Can Britain defend the Middle East?"

He claimed the Suez Canal route was "vulnerable" but not "fatal" as shown when it was accessible from 1940 to 1942. From the point of view of counter-offensive action, the Middle East could serve as a springboard against Russia's "Achilles heel," he said.

Turkey is the only Middle East country which is capable of defending itself at present, Captain Hart concluded.

## New Ration Books Prepared



POST Reporter

GOVERNMENT and private printing plants in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv are turning out more than a million new ration books and 300,000 ration cards for use in villages and settlements.

Larger than the present ones, the new books will be issued according to five categories: up to the age of two, 2-12, 12-18, 18-65, and above 65. Each will have a distinguishing colour and contain about 23 pages of points. Most of the pages denote the product for which they are to be used, but there are others for miscellaneous and special items. The books are expected to last two years.

Distribution is scheduled to begin in June at local grocery shops. Clothing and footwear books will be issued at the same time. The printing and assembling of the books began in February and should be finished in May. All the paper was purchased abroad and the Government symbol was affixed here on every sheet by offset process.

A ruling on the validity of the old coupons is still undefined.

## Readers' Letters

ZEALOTS AND WATER  
To the Editor of THE POST

Sir,—I wish to lodge my strongest protest against the 48 waterless hours to which Hadar Hacarmel was subjected last week-end.

Breakdowns are known to happen, but in a case like that, water should be distributed to the population at least twice daily. Has it ever occurred to the competent authorities that many families have babies who will not understand that there is no water and to whom water is as essential as air and food?

It was quite a coincidence that at the same time as we were informed of this lack of water, new cases of infantile paralysis were reported. It would be interesting to know why the Department of Health did not intervene and arrange for an emergency system of water supply?

Quite apart from the above complaints, I would like to point out, that the new Mayor promised the public that he would not allow any religious compulsion, but in this case Sabbath zealots seem to have had the upper hand.

Yours etc,  
JUDITH SIMENAUER  
Haifa, April 16

## DUTY OF THE PRESS

To the Editor of THE POST

Sir,—You devote much space to the black market, to the leniency of judges when sentencing profiteers, and to the failure of the government to take effective measures against this common and widespread evil.

It is of course very easy to criticize everything and everybody, and I quite agree that there is room for criticism, but that is not sufficient. No government or other authority can fight profiteering without full and active public support.

Today's contributors include: M. Spitz, Rehovot; R. L. Tel Aviv; and S. M. of Jerusalem.

## 16th STAMP AUCTION

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## KEEPING POSTED

"RMS and the Man" and "Books and the Man" are certain to be two chapter headings in a good biography of Israel's first Prime Minister. Even before the new catalogue of Messrs. Bamberger and Wahrman, the book-sellers in Jerusalem, had been mailed, Mr. Ben Gurion had secured an advance copy, and passers-by could see him this week in one of his favourite haunts, scanning old prints. His interests cover a wide field, and among many others he will always pick up works on Philo and Spinoza, but the

English, in the hope that the grocer would understand. Apparently he did, for he wrote down the item on the bill, without saying a word. (The woman thinking that it was something "really special" paid up and went to collect her goods in great anticipation. She was less amused than other customers to find she had been given a box of "Special" cigarettes.

CONCERT-goers know that the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra has refrained from playing any music by Wagner since 1937. Recognizing the staunchness of these principles, friends were surprised to learn that the orchestra had brought back from America various new instruments manufactured by the German firm, Getrusder Alexander in Mainz.

"THE Hollywood Reporter" lists 42 documentary films which have been entered for the Documentary Film Award of the Academy. Four films from Israel are included in the list: "Out of Hell," "The Village Tale," "Palestine Films," "The House on the Hill," "Palestine Films," and "New Frontiers," Paramount.

TWENTY-six-year-old Sam Zebba of Tel Aviv has just earned his M.A. degree at the University of California, by turning in a documentary film as a thesis. Zebba's film, entitled "Urapura," follows a red-Indian legend which the Brazilian composer, Villa-Lobos, used as the basis for his symphonic poem. Zebba

hitch-hiked from California to Florida, flew to Brazil, consulted Villa-Lobos, and then moved into the jungle for 15 days to shoot the film. He worked with Urubu Indians as actors, used two 16mm. cameras with tin-foil for reflectors, and had a three-man Indian crew to shade the camera and hold the reflectors. Zebba is the son of Dr. Shaul Lipschitz, of Tel Aviv.

Greetings to  
Hapoel Selected, light athletes team, which has left on board the Arava for Yugoslavia for a rugby match.

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